

ABSTRACT

5 Secure printing of print data from a client  
application residing on a data network to a set top  
box which has a printer, said set top box residing  
on a digital cable network which has a cable head  
end for interfacing said digital cable network to  
said data network, wherein print data is generated  
in said client application after which it is  
10 determined whether a secure communication path  
exists between said client application and said set  
top box. If the secure communication path exists,  
the print data is transmitted from said client  
application to said set top box. The print data is  
15 then sent from the set top box to the printer for  
printing.

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